

COMMUNICATION

FROM THE

COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

RECOMMENDING

*The extension of the act of August 3d, 1846, for the adjustment of  
suspended pre-emption land claims.*

JULY 3, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,  
June 30, 1848.

SIR: By virtue of the act of August 3d, 1846, entitled "An act providing for the adjustment of all suspended pre-emption land claims in the several States and Territories," this office, under the sanction of the Secretary of the Treasury and Attorney General, is empowered to patent all suspended entries existing therein, at the date of said act, which upon principles of equity and justice could be approved. This act was limited in its duration to two years, and will expire on the 3d day of August next.

The great majority of the cases designed to be embraced by said act, have been adjudicated and determined, but there yet remain a number which are scattered among the files of the different land districts, which, the employment of the whole disposable force of the office on the "Corwin call," and other extraordinary duties since, has prevented from being hunted up and disposed of with the rest. As it will be impracticable, between this and the 3d of August next, to separate such cases from the mass of papers on file, and give them the requisite examination, I am constrained as a measure of justice to the parties interested, to request of the committee their aid in procuring from Congress an extension of the duration of said act, say for one year, that is to say, until the 3d of August, 1849.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

RICHARD M. YOUNG,  
Commissioner.

To HON. S. BREESE,

*Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands, Senate.*

